

Prior to this meeting, notice was given to the public by posting at the appropriate place in the Courthouse, Eagle River City Hall, Olson Memorial Library and in addition, copies of the notice of the meeting were forwarded to the news media: Vilas County News Review, Lakeland Times, Rhinelander Daily News, Northwoods River News, FYI Northwoods News, News of the North and Radio Stations WERL, WHDG, WLSL-FM, Coyote 93.7 in compliance with the open meeting law.

Present: Charles Rayala, Jr., Al Bauman, Kathleen Rushlow, and Chris Mayer. Not Present: Ron De Bruyne. Also Present: Jarred Maney – Highway Commissioner/Patrol Superintendent, Louise A. Krus – Highway Committee Secretary, Jason Hilger – Finance Director, Nick Scholtes – CORRE, Dave Gale – Omni Engineering, Paul Anderson – Coleman Engineering, Vernon Wiggerhauser, and Ken Anderson.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Rayala.

Motion by Mayer, second by Bauman to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, for the February 18, 2014 meeting – all voted aye.

Motion by Bauman, second by Rushlow to approve the minutes for the January 6th meeting – all voted aye.

Nick Scholtes – CORRE – Nick told the committee about the engineering services available through CORRE and said that he would like to be able to bid on any projects that Vilas County Highway has available. Dave Gale – Omni Engineering and Paul Anderson – Coleman Engineering also would like to be considered for any projects.

2014 Beaver Control Contract – the contract is with Jeff Everson who has done the beaver control for Vilas County for many years. Motion by Bauman, second by Mayer to approve the contract with Jeff Everson for 2014 – all voted aye.

Update on Roads, Equipment and Building and Grounds – Roads – Jarred told the committee that we were reimbursed \$90,000.00 in LRIP funds. There is a culvert that needs to be replaced on “G” and we are planning to do a 1 mile section on “K” and the STP project will be on “M”. The “M” project will cost the county 20% and the DOT 80% - design work will be done in 2015 and it could be 2018 until the project is completed. **Equipment** – Jarred told the committee that the two new Patrol Trucks (cab & chassis) are in Wausau waiting for the dump boxes. The Cat loader that broke down was covered under warranty. New equipment purchases for next year – Jarred would like to get two new patrol trucks and possibly two new loaders. **Building and Grounds** – The new well in Arbor Vitae may need a radon testing kit and the roof may need to be replaced in Eagle River.

Approve Payroll Reports, Hwy Committee vouchers & previously paid bills – Motion by Rushlow, second by Bauman to approve as presented – all voted aye.

Budget 2013 – Jason Hilger told the committee that we are ready to close out 2013 and that we should be close to the budgeted amount.

Creating Highway Lead Positions - Resolution – There will be a lead person at the Arbor Vitae shop and at the Boulder Junction shop – Motion by Bauman, second by Rushlow to approve the resolution and forward it to County Board - all voted aye.

Letters and Communications – There was a Thank You letter from the Town of Winchester thanking the Highway Dept. for their service on roads. There was also a copy of a letter that was sent to the DOT from the Town of Manitowish Waters regarding work scheduled to be done on Highway 51 from “W” to “M”. The Town Chairman is not happy with the proposed improvements.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 17th at 10:00 am.

Motion by Bauman, second by Mayer to adjourn – all voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise A. Krus, Secretary

